

State of California

Respiratory Care Board





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Inquiry: Is the act of nasopharyngeal specimen collection within the scope of the

CRTT or RRT? Our hospital has a proposal on the table to have RTs do

this but I would like an answer from the RCB first.

Response: The RCB classifies the procedure listed above as Classification 1A; which

is not verbatim from the Respiratory Care Practice Act (RCPA) but, in the

RCB's judgment, is highly inferred and allowed.

Reference # 2000-C-07